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H PASS: HONORABLE FRANK THOMPSON, JR.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D.C.

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CPRS (VENTURA, VALERIE)
SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

REF: A) CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON'S LETTER DATED MARCH 22, 1978
B) DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE DATED APRIL 12, 1978

1. YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 22 CONCERNING YOUR CONSTITUENT VALERIE VENTURA UNFORTUNATELY DID NOT REACH THIS EMBASSY UNTIL MAY 2. MS. VENTURA IS CONCERNED ABOUT A RECEIPT FOR A REFUND OF MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH HER RELATIVES HERE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CASH.

2. MS. VENTURA'S RELATIVES STATE THAT WHEN THEY TOOK THE RECEIPT TO A BANK THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE MONEY WAS QUOTE FORFEITED UNQUOTE, AND THAT THEY RETURNED THE RECEIPT TO HER. WE ARE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND FROM OUR EXAMINATION OF A COPY OF THE RECEIPT WHY IT WAS NOT HONORED.

3. SINCE MS. VENTURA NOW HAS THE RECEIPT, WE SUGGEST THAT SHE SEND IT WITH A FULL LETTER OF EXPLANATION TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK
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EMBASSY (3900 LINNEAN AVENUE, NW WASHINGTON, DC), AND REQUEST THAT EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A REFUND. SHOULD FURTHER PROBLEMS ARISE, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO HELP RESOLVE THEM.
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